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In re application of

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MOLDED ELEMENT THAT CONSISTS OF BRITTLE-FRACTURE MATERIAL

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the Office Action mailed on March 28, 2008, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.